

Amendment No. 1 to SB0199

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 199*

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Independent and primary candidates shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions, including any duplicate nominating petitions required to be filed under §§ 2-5-103 and 2-5-104 no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in the third calendar month before the election.

(1) An independent candidate for an office in the regular November election for which a primary is required to be held at the regular August election shall qualify by filing such candidate's nominating petitions for the November election no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in May.

(2) Independent candidates for any office to be filled in a regular August general election for which a May primary has been called under § 2-13-203 shall qualify by filing their petitions for the August election no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in February. In the event no May primary authorized under § 2-13-203 is called, for any office to be filled in the regular August general election, then independent candidates shall qualify by filing their petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in May. In presidential election years, if a political party calls for

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the county primary in March, the qualifying deadline for candidates in the primary shall be twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, the third Thursday in January. Independent candidates for offices which will appear on the county primary ballot shall qualify by filing their petitions at the same time primary candidates qualify. Independent candidates for offices to be filled at the regular August election which will not appear on the primary ballot shall qualify by filing their petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in the third calendar month prior to the regular August election.

(3) Candidates in municipal elections shall file their nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in the third calendar month before the election.

(4) In counties having a population in excess of six hundred thousand (600,000) according to the federal census of 1970 or any subsequent census, candidates in municipal elections will file their nominating petitions in accordance with time and date as prescribed for the August primary and November general election. When a special election is being held in conjunction with either a municipal, August primary or November general election, the time of qualifying for candidates to the office for which the special election is being held shall conform and be governed by the same time and the same date prescribed for the municipal, August primary or November general

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election; but in no way shall the time for qualifying specified by this
subdivision be less than the qualifying time prescribed for the special
election.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(e), is amended by
deleting the language "first Thursday in April" added by Chapter 199 of the Public Acts of
2001 and by substituting instead the language "third Thursday in May".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare
requiring it.